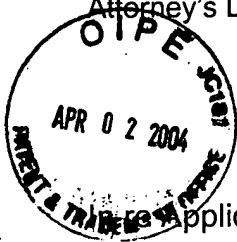


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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Dear Sir:

This communication is being submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on **Jan. 07, 2004**. Reconsideration of the captioned application, in light of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.